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Re Miami teletype 12/4/62.

Enclosed herewith are 9 copies of letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

MM T-1 is [MM 639-S.] (u)

(u) Miami Office will maintain contact with MM 639-S and will report results of prosecutive action taken by U.S. Customs against GERALD PATRICK HEMMING and his group.

MM 639-S advised that HEMMING has come to the conclusion that FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka, Frank Fiorini, had betrayed him to U.S. Customs concerning this proposed expedition. (u)

Copies of letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to U.S. Customs, U.S. Border Patrol and INS.

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INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

MM T-1, who has been active in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past 5 years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 3, 1962 that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an American mercenary and adventurer, was then in Miami and had received a telephone call from RICHARD WHATLEY at Marathon, Florida. WHATLEY said he would move the equipment, such as guns and supplies, from their training camp at No Name Key, to Edward Germain's docks at Marathon, Florida, in preparation for their military expedition. WHATLEY said that they would also bring food and personal effects of the group at No Name Key, and that they expected to leave that night. (X)(u)

MM T-1 advised that HEMMING, in Miami, had rented a small trailer and purchased four 55 gallon drums, which would be taken along on the boat to carry reserve fuel. MM T-1 explained that HEMMING had rented a 35' Chriscraft motor boat, the SALLY, and would have the boat taken to Germain's docks at Marathon, Florida, and the boat would later be used in the military expedition against Cuba. (X)(u)

MM T-1 advised that HEMMING had been able to obtain an M-2 carbine rifle, a Thompson sub-machine gun, 360 rounds of .30 calibre ammunition, 250 rounds of M-1 rifle ammunition. He also has four M-1 rifles and planned to steal a .20 mm. cannon from the boat of FELIPE VIDAL, a Cuban National, who makes clandestine trips to Cuba, and who keeps his boat at Germain's docks, Marathon, Florida. (X)(u)

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INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES (INTERPEN)

F. A.
MM T-1 advised that at about ~~6:30~~ PM on December 3, 1962, HEMMING, accompanied by ELEN~~O~~ OVIEDO, 12138 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, and REMIGIO ARCE, also known as "CU CU," traveled in a 1961 Dodge automobile, bearing Florida license 1-106678, pulling a two-wheeled U-Haul-It trailer, which trailer contained 4 empty 55 gallon gas drums, which were to be used as a reserve gas supply for the boat. The automobile is owned by OVIEDO. (X m) F. A.

On December 4, 1962 Mr. WALLACE SHANLEY, U.S. Customs Agent, Miami, Florida, advised that the above mentioned 1961 Dodge automobile arrived at Marathon, Florida, containing the four large gasoline drums, and a group of about thirteen individuals were preparing to leave on the boat SALLY, at Germain's docks.

At about 12:30 AM on December 4, 1962, all the individuals were arrested by U.S. Customs Agents, and charged with violation of Title 18 U. S. Code, Section 371 dealing with conspiracy to illegally export articles of war, and Title 22 U.S. Code, Section 1934, dealing with illegal exportation of arms and articles of war.

Mr. SHANLEY advised that among the items seized by U.S. Customs Agents were rifles, pistols, ammunition, explosives, hand grenades, blood plasma, in addition to a large quantity of miscellaneous military equipment. Also confiscated was the above mentioned 1961 Dodge automobile, and the 31' Chriscraft motor boat, Florida registration FL 7873D, which had been rented from Miami Yacht Rentals, Miami, Florida.

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Mr. SHANLEY said the following individuals were arrested and are presently incarcerated at Key West, Florida:

FLA

~~WILLIAM JOHNSON DEMPSEY~~
~~WILLIAM SEYMORE~~
~~REINALDO PONCE DE LEON~~
~~JUSTIN J. WILSON~~
~~EDMUND ANDREW COLLINS~~
~~REMIGIO ARCE, also known as "CU CU"~~
~~JAMES A. LEWIS~~
~~ELENO OVIEDO ALVAREZ~~
~~EDMUND KOLBY~~
~~JAMES CAVENDISH~~
~~LAWRENCE J. HOWARD, Jr.~~ ←
~~ROY HARGRAVES, and~~
~~GERALD PATRICK HEMMING.~~

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MM T-1 advised that on December 4, 1962 at about 2 AM, GERALD PATRICK HEMMING made a telephone call to Miami, Florida, trying to obtain the services of JAMES BUCHANAN, newspaper reporter for the MIAMI HERALD, newspaper published daily in Miami, Florida. HEMMING also advised that DICK WHATLEY and ROBERT WILLIS, two of HEMMING's associates, had escaped apprehension by U.S. Customs Agents and at the present time were hiding somewhere in Marathon, Florida. *CUBA* *(X) (u)*

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